

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appl. No.

10/562,238

Confirmation No. Unknown

Applicant (s)

Torfs et al.

Filed

December 22, 2005

TC/A.U. Examiner

: Unknown : Unknown

Title

METHOD FOR SURFACE MARKING A MOLDED ARTICLE

Docket No.

63207A

Customer No.

00109

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL WITH SUFFICIENT POSTAGE IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON:

January 20, 2006
DATE OF DEPOSIT

Amber K. Mobley

PRINT OR TYPE NAME OF PERSON SIGNING CERTIFICATE

SIGNATURE OF PERSON SIGNING CERTIFICATE

DATE OF SIGNATURE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Pursuant to Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56, the Examiner's attention is directed to the information identified in the attached Form PTO/SB/08a.

The cited U.S. patents and patent application publications are listed on Form PTO/SB/08a form. A copy of the cited foreign patent documents and non-patent literature are enclosed herewith. The Examiner is requested to review each reference and formulate his/her own understanding thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Robert Christy

12 h 12 h 20

Registration No. 42,414

Phone: 989-636-0413

P. O. Box 1967 Midland, MI 48641-1967

cma

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet 1

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

of 3

Application Number	10/562,238 (PCT/US2004/021508)
Filing Date	12/22/05 (07-02-2004)
First Named Inventor	Torfs et al.
Art Unit	Not Assigned
 Examiner Name	Not Assigned
Attorney Docket Number	63207Δ

Complete if Known

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Publication Date (MM-DD-YYYY)	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevan
			Cited Document	Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	
		US-5,189,531	02-23-1993	Palmer et al.	
		US-5,607,188	03-04-1997	Bahns et al.	
		US-5,608,718	03-04-1997	Schiewe	
		US-5,722,693	03-03-1998	Wicker	
		US-6,788,413	08-29-2002	Torfs et al.	Noted is spec as 2002-0118357
		US-			
	-	US-			
		US-			
Examiner	1			Date	

*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional).

See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04.

The policant is unique citation designation number (optional).

Form Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document.

Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible.

Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application.

Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

Sheet 2

Signature

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary) of 3

Application Number	10/562,238 (PCT/US2004/021508)	
Filing Date	12/22/05 (07-02-2004)	
First Names Inventor	Torfs et al.	
Art Unit	Not Assigned	
Examiner Name	Not Assigned	
Attorney Docket Number	63207A	

Complete if Known

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Country Code ³ - Number-Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	Publication Date (MM-DD- YYYY)	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	ਜ	
		GB 2,277,827	11-09-1994	Shin et al.		1	
		JP 6,015,991	06-30-1992	Kazumi et al.	English Abstract Included	Ħ	
		JP 9,039,042	07-27-1995	Masahiro	English Abstract Included	\top	
		TW 519,519	11-16-2001	Wen-Kuei Tw et al.	English Abstract Included	Ti	
		WO03/000483	01-03-2003	Spath	US Equivalent: 2005-0003146	ti	
		WO03/105029	12-18-2003	Torfs et al.	Noted in spec as Serial No. 60/387778		
		EP 167,075	06-24-1985	Prasad et al.			
		WO01/73372	10-04-2001	Rosen			
						+	
				***		Ti	
			-			\perp	
	-					+	
	_					\dagger	
						I	
						\downarrow	
						+	
						+	
						+	

*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. ¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ²See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4Form Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Considered

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2

PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 7/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO			Complete if Known			
INICO			Application Number 10/562,238 (PCT/US2004/021508)			
INFOR	IMAI	ION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT				
		BY APPLICANT	First Named Inven			
	u	Jse as many sheets as necessary)	Art Unit		Not Assigned	
(OSE as many silects as necessary)			Examiner Name	Not Assigned		
Sheet 3 63207A 3			Attorney Docket N	umber	63207A	
		NON PATENT I	LITERATURE D	OCUMENTS		
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹					
		Patent Abstracts of Japan. vol. 1997, no. 6, 30 June 1997. Patent Abstracts of Japan. vol. 018, no. 220 (M-1595), 20 April 1994.				
	<u> </u>	L				<u> </u>
Examiner Signature				Date Considered		

*Examiner: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformation with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

This collection of information is required 37 CFR 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2

¹Applicant's unique citation designation number (option). ²Applicant is to place a check mark here in English language Translation is attached.